

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. The amendments to claims 5, 6 and 9 remove the multiple dependencies. The amendments to the claims do not limit their scope.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21398-00036-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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